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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE A REVISED PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF SPECIFIED FUNDS, AND TRANSFER
OFFER PARCEL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
PROPOSITIONS OF 1992 AND 1996 FOR COMMUNITY CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS FOR THE
LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY PROJECT;
ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
TO THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE AIDS MONUMENT PROJECT, AND ALLOCATE
SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO CITIZENS FOR LOS ANGELES WILDLIFE
FOR THE LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN HABITAT ACQUISITION PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$354,000 in unspent Specified and Per Parcel Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 for a grant amendment to Community Conservation Solutions to supplement the Los Angeles River Greenway Project; allocate an amount not to exceed \$220,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for the AIDS Monument in West Hollywood Park; and allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in Specified Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District to Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife for the Lookout Mountain Habitat Acquisition Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the records of the projects.
2. Approve a Revised Plan of Expenditure for a grant amendment to Community Conservation Solutions to supplement the Los Angeles River Greenway Project by reallocating an amount not to

exceed \$294,000 in unspent Specified Funds originally allocated under Section (8), Subsection (a), Paragraph (2), Subparagraph (DD) pursuant the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992.

3. Approve the transfer of Per Parcel Discretionary Funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, originally allocated under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1), pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant amendment to Community Conservation Solutions to supplement the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.
4. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$220,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of West Hollywood for the AIDS Monument Project.
5. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Citizens of Los Angeles Wildlife for the Lookout Mountain Habitat Acquisition Project.
6. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant amendment and grants to the identified recipients and in the amounts listed when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grants as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the appropriate account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$354,000 in unspent Specified and Per Parcel Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 for a grant amendment to Community Conservation Solutions (CCS) to supplement the Los Angeles River Greenway Project; allocate an amount not to exceed \$220,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for the AIDS Monument in West Hollywood Park; and allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in Specified Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District to Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife for the Lookout Mountain Habitat Acquisition Project.

Community Conservation Solutions – Los Angeles River Greenway Project

Approval of the recommended actions will allow CCS to utilize unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) by approving a Revised Plan for Expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$294,000 in Specified Funds under Section 8(a)(2)(DD), and an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in unspent Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1), pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) for a grant amendment not to exceed \$354,000 to supplement the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.

On January 7, 2014, the Board awarded \$460,000 in 1996 Proposition A Cities Excess Funds to CCS for the project. However, flooding from storm events in 2015 and 2016 resulted in the need for additional funds to perform additional work on the project. As a result, it is recommended that an additional amount not to exceed \$354,000 be allocated to supplement the existing grant. The project involves trail development and wildlife habitat restoration along the Los Angeles River between

Whitsett Avenue and Coldwater Canyon Avenue, including site preparation and trail construction, as well as the purchase and installation of fencing, gates, native plants, and other public amenities. The total estimated project cost is \$2,417,938. The recommended Specified and Per Parcel Funds will be supplemented by the existing \$460,000 in Cities Excess Funds, \$751,863 from California Resources Agency, \$339,000 from California Department of Transportation, \$300,000 from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, \$129,485 from Community Conservation Solutions, and \$87,590 from other in-kind funds.

West Hollywood – AIDS Monument Project

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate an amount not to exceed \$220,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the 1996 Proposition to the City of West Hollywood for the AIDS Monument Project. The proposed project involves the design, fabrication, and installation of the AIDS Monument in West Hollywood Park in the City of West Hollywood. The estimated project cost is \$5,275,000. The grantee is raising additional funds to complete the project.

Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife – Lookout Mountain Habitat Acquisition

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in Specified Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the 1996 Proposition, to the Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) for the Lookout Mountain Acquisition Project. The project involves the acquisition of approximately 17 acres of open space land in Laurel Canyon. The estimated total project cost is \$1,620,000. The grantee is raising additional funds to complete the project.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award the grants when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, as well as grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grants under procedures previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2) by providing grant funds to enhance healthy activities in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grants, in amounts not to exceed \$354,000 and \$320,000, are budgeted in RPOSD's Assessment and Excess Project Funds, HB4 and HD6, respectively.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1992 and 1996 Propositions set forth deadlines for agencies to encumber funds allocated to them in the Proposition and further set forth procedures for agencies to request reallocation of those funds, as follows:

Specified Funds - 1992 Proposition

The 1992 Proposition provided funding for projects that were specified in the measure and identified a procedure for revision of those projects. That procedure, known as the Revised Plan for Expenditure (Revised Plan), remains the method by which unspent specified project funds may be approved by your Board for other eligible projects. An agency may submit a Revised Plan to utilize unspent funds for a project that is consistent with the purposes of the 1992 Proposition.

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds – 1996 Proposition

Per Parcel Discretionary Funds identified in Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (1) of the 1996 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (d) of the 1996 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 2001. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2001-02, any Per Parcel Discretionary Funds not committed to expenditure are available for your Board to award for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority and fit within one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (3) of the 1996 Proposition.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City of West Hollywood and CLAW each meet this requirement. The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for Specified and Cities Projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the Los Angeles River Greenway Project and the Lookout Mountain Habitat Acquisition Project. The City of West Hollywood is the lead agency for the AIDS Monument Project.

On January 4, 2014, the Board found the proposed Los Angeles River Greenway Project to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

The proposed AIDS Monument Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of the design, fabrication, and installation of the AIDS Monument in West Hollywood Park in the City of West Hollywood, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15303(e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 3(b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting

Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves installation of small new structures.

The proposed Habitat Acquisition Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of the acquisition of approximately 17 acres of open space land in Laurel Canyon, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15325 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves acquisition of land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources.

The proposed projects will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed projects' records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Third Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

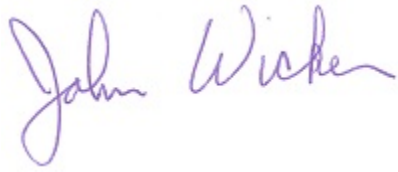
Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Programs Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "John Wicker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOHN WICKER

Director

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors